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In re application of

Helmut JORKE

Appln. No.: 09/744,634

Group Art Unit: 2851

Filed: January 26, 2001

Examiner: Esplin, David B.

For: DEVICE FOR PROJECTING A COLOR IMAGE

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.018

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated May 15, 2002, setting a one month period for response, the period for response extended to July 15, 2002, by a Petition for One Month Extension filed herewith, Applicant elects:

Group I claims 1-8 (drawn to a device for projecting a color image).

Election is with traverse.

Group II, claims 9-12 (drawn to a device for recording a color image), has in common with Group I the basic concept of dividing light of an image into a first partial light bundle (B1, G1, R1) and a second light bundle (B2, G2, R2) complementary to the first light bundle. Both devices use the same or complementary optical components (e.g., beam splitter

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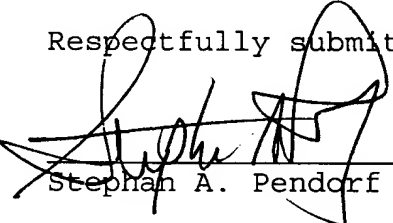
and beam integrator) and employ the same principle of beam splitting in order to enhance color reproducibility.

Applicant further points out that in order to be able to project an image that has been "split", it is first necessary to record a "split" image. Likewise, a recorded split image is of little use without subsequent displaying of the recorded image. Thus, the device for recording a split image and device for displaying from the recorded split image are complementary aspects of the same invention.

Applicant also advises that there was no lack of unity objection in the corresponding European patent prosecution.

Applicant also notes that the Examiner issued an election of species requirement identical in scope to the restriction requirement. Applicant does not understand this and presumes this to be in error. Accordingly, Applicant does not respond to the election of species requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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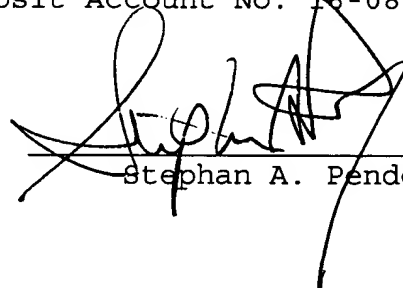
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for U.S. Application No. 09/744,634 filed January 26, 2001, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on **July 15, 2002**.

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